

Somers Cultural Commission Minutes

October 17, 2011

Present: Linda Abbott, Nancy Barbosa, Bob Hall, Rich Mazur, Dee Moak, John Reeves, Judy Reeves, Janice Steinmetz & Ruthie Sutter

Secretary's Report: The minutes were accepted with corrections.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer report was accepted as submitted.

Correspondence: No new correspondence was received.

New Member: Ruthie Sutter was welcomed as a new member to the Cultural Commission.

Subcommittee Reports:

Summer Concerts

- Discussed adding a June concert in 2012. A final decision will be made at a future meeting.
- Discussed rebooking the following acts for 2012: Jimmy Mazzaferro, Pioneer Valley Fiddlers, The Spectacles featuring the Sin Sisters and the Windham Concert Band.
- Rich recommended adding another commission member to work with him on the 2012 concert series. Ruthie Sutter volunteered to assist Rich.
- Dee recommended a person for Rich to consider for 2012.
- Discussed the preference to choose performers that can do different musical styles to appeal to a wider audience

Piedmont Percolator

- Attendance was very good with a count of 55 at the height. We could seat a maximum of 72. Received \$90 in donations.
- Discussed what we learned from the event and the following was discussed:
 - Need to develop a checklist to ensure the advertising is complete.
 - We need to get more information in the newspapers
 - Rich will ask if he can put information out at the Congregational Church supper.
 - Bob will talk to the High School Music Department about encouraging student to attend.
 - Will get an estimate for having a sign made to fit the Art Show pole.
 - Reduce the number of Donut Holes to 100.
 - Move the center tables back from the stage.
 - Move the panels so they don't interfere with the placement of tables.
 - Start a Facebook page. Ruthie volunteered to do this.
 - Mount a clock on the back wall so the performers can see what time it is.
- Had a comment that it was too long and they would like a longer intermission
- Lisa offered to have someone come in and do some cleaning. We will recommend that the floors, restroom and windows be cleaned.

- The following are the acts scheduled for 2012:
 - January – Dan Stevens plus another performer.
 - February - Woman to read Poetry plus another for poetry.
 - March – Celtic performer
 - April - Unconfirmed
- Dee offered to help with publicity.
- Will set up a table to sell the items donated by Paper Reeds

Art Show

- Had 91 artworks from 70 artists. 41 pieces of art were rejected.
- Attendance was 95 on opening day and 131 during the week.
- Received \$51 in donations but the show lost money.
- Discussed the financials from the Art show

Old Business

Town Band: Dee has not had a chance to follow-up but will contact the person in the near future.

Piedmont Projects: Linda talked to Bob Pettee and requested that he install the light. Since the project wasn't complete by the night of our meeting, Linda will recontact Bob

New Business

Year end report 2010 - 2011 : We are in good financial shape

Board Members List: The board members list was updated and emailed to members. Some additional corrections were made so Linda will update and send a copy to each of the members.

New Proposal: Linda discussed starting a Garden Club. This would be a good opportunity to generate additional income and provide other options for scholarships. Linda will talk to the town about creating a Garden Club subcommittee that would collect dues.

Social Get Together: John & Judy Reeves offered to host a get together for Commission Members and their spouse at 6:00 PM on Monday December 12th.

Next meeting: **November 14, 2011 @ 7 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Hall